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TO : Assistant Director, Research and Reports
FROM : Acting Chief, Basic Intelligence Division, RR
SUBJECT: Letters of Intent regarding NIS Program for FY 1954

DATE: 15 June 1953

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The attached memorandum for your signature was prepared in accordance with instructions of [REDACTED] He advised that Letters of Intent would be sent when the request reached the office of the DD/I, and that it would not be necessary to submit a draft of the requested letters.

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Enclosure:

- 1 - Memo fr. AD/RR to
DD/I, subject as
above

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Intelligence)

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1. A representative of a non-IAC agency whose HIS Program is being financed by CIA has inquired as to intentions with respect to this Program for FY 1954. He pointed out that if there is to be any cut in the budget estimate submitted by his agency for FY 1954, it will be necessary to effect a reduction of force before 1 July 1953 in order to bring costs in line with whatever funds are to be provided by CIA for FY 1954.

2. All agencies receiving fiscal support from CIA for their HIS Programs are in a similar position. Therefore, it is requested that a Letter of Intent be sent to each of these agencies setting forth the plan for the program for the coming fiscal year. It is recommended that they be advised that:

a. The HIS Program will be continued at the level provided for in the budget estimates for FY 1954, subject to the action of the Congress on appropriations for that fiscal year.

b. In the event Congress reduces the amount provided for in the FY 1954 budget estimates, the Central Intelligence Agency will make arrangements to meet the cost of any reductions in force which might be required by reason of the reduced appropriation for the program.

3. The agencies to which the Letters of Intent should be sent are the Departments of State, Agriculture, and Interior.

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Assistant Director
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